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Dennis... forgot to cc you on this...

thanks for your efforts...

dave

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Dear Chairman Artnzen and honorable committee members.

2/1/07

I am traveling in Washington D.C. on some national disaster response issues and meetings and am unable to attend today's hearing on HB 367. Please accept this digital last minute testimony on the issue.

For the record, I am David L Pauli and live in Yellowstone County, just past Phipps park that is a favorite fireworks launching pad.

I am submitting testimony today... both as a private citizen who loses his independence and is forced to stand guard on firewatch for a week each early July but also as the Legislative Committee Chair for the Montana Animal Care Association.

First as a private land owner and military veteran I applaud the celebratory nature of Independence Day and hope that public fireworks displays continue forever. But as a citizen, a trained disaster responder, a past volunteer fire fighter and a rural property owner... I hope the Local Government Committee sees the wisdom in allowing local decisions to be made on public health and safety issues like this. There are certainly areas outside of Montana's municipalities where fireworks restrictions are both needed and warranted and County Commissioners need the same authority to give citizens some self determination and democratic process.

As the MACA legislative chair... I can relate that July 1-7 is statistically the busiest week in Montana shelters due to noise intolerant dogs jumping fences, allegations of cruelty to animals by private fireworks displays and a host of other fireworks related issues.

But the issue here... is that we are not asking the committee to restrict fireworks in any manner... We are asking that you give County leaders a tool to allow them to give local residents a chance to discuss, debate and decide the issue on a local basis.

Please do pass HB 367 to the floor for some well deserved discussion and action. Thank you for your efforts on this bill and for all the energy and time you are personally investing in this session on a host of issues important to Montana.

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